

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 928

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Claudia Huskey for her meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Claudia Zara Huskey has served faithfully in her role as Research Analyst for the Office of Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman Lowe Finney for nearly three years; and

WHEREAS, Claudia has worked with fourteen senators over her tenure to create legislative agendas, draft bills and amendments, and provide supporting research for use in Senate chamber debates; and

WHEREAS, though serving on the staff of the Senate Democratic Caucus, Claudia always made time to help and assist members of both parties in both the Senate and House chambers, thus showing her support of and respect for the legislative process and endearing herself to legislative members of all stripes and sizes from all regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, she donated additional countless hours of her free time to ensure the re-election of Chairman Finney in 2010, by far one of her greatest feats and for which he and his family are eternally grateful; and

WHEREAS, she has worked on campaigns throughout the state, including as Deputy Campaign Manager for the “David Briley for Mayor” campaign and as Southeast Tennessee Field Director for the “Harold Ford, Jr. for U.S. Senate” campaign; and

WHEREAS, during her work for the “Ford for U.S. Senate” campaign, she beat her vote goal by ten percent, exceeding Democratic performance and defeating the campaign’s opponent in Chattanooga, where the opponent served as mayor; and

WHEREAS, as a loyal scheduler, fund-raiser, travel agent, Bible verse-finder, college speech booker, and private aviation expert for Congressman Ford, Claudia distinguished herself

on and off the campaign trail as a person of impeccable judgment, unimpeachable discretion, and unimaginable patience; and

WHEREAS, Claudia is the Nashville Predators' most fervent fan, Eddie George's most ardent admirer, and the brightest of the southernmost Hawkeyes of the University of Iowa, from which she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, during her time as a fundraiser for the University of Iowa Foundation, she was one of only three students in foundation history to raise more than \$100,000 for the university in less than a year; and

WHEREAS, she has served in several political and community roles in Nashville and throughout the State, including as President of the Tennessee Young Democrats; Co-Vice President of Membership for the Women's Political Collaborative of Tennessee; New Member Advisor for Zeta Tau Alpha, Lambda Iota Chapter at Vanderbilt University; Board Member of Tennessee Conservation Voters; and alumna of Nashville Emerging Leaders; and

WHEREAS, she resides in Nashville with her husband, Bill Huskey, and their child, Eddie the Dog, and is the daughter of proud parents Ken and Rhonda and sibling to Liz, Katie, and Nick; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly just won't be the same without the efforts, contributions, and workmanship of Claudia Z. Weaver Huskey; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Claudia Huskey epitomizes the spirit and commitment of a true Tennessean and is greatly deserving of our recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Claudia Huskey for her meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee, thank her for her many contributions to the Senate Democratic Caucus, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.